

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Frank Rieck et al.)
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For : SOLENOID VALVE)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a form PTO-1449 listing one prior art reference relevant to the above-identified application.

The specification of the instant application explains, as background technology and relevancy to the invention, about the contents of the prior art references EP-A-0 872 675 from page 2, last paragraph to page 3, first paragraph.

Applicant respectfully requests that the references submitted be considered in the substantive examination of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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